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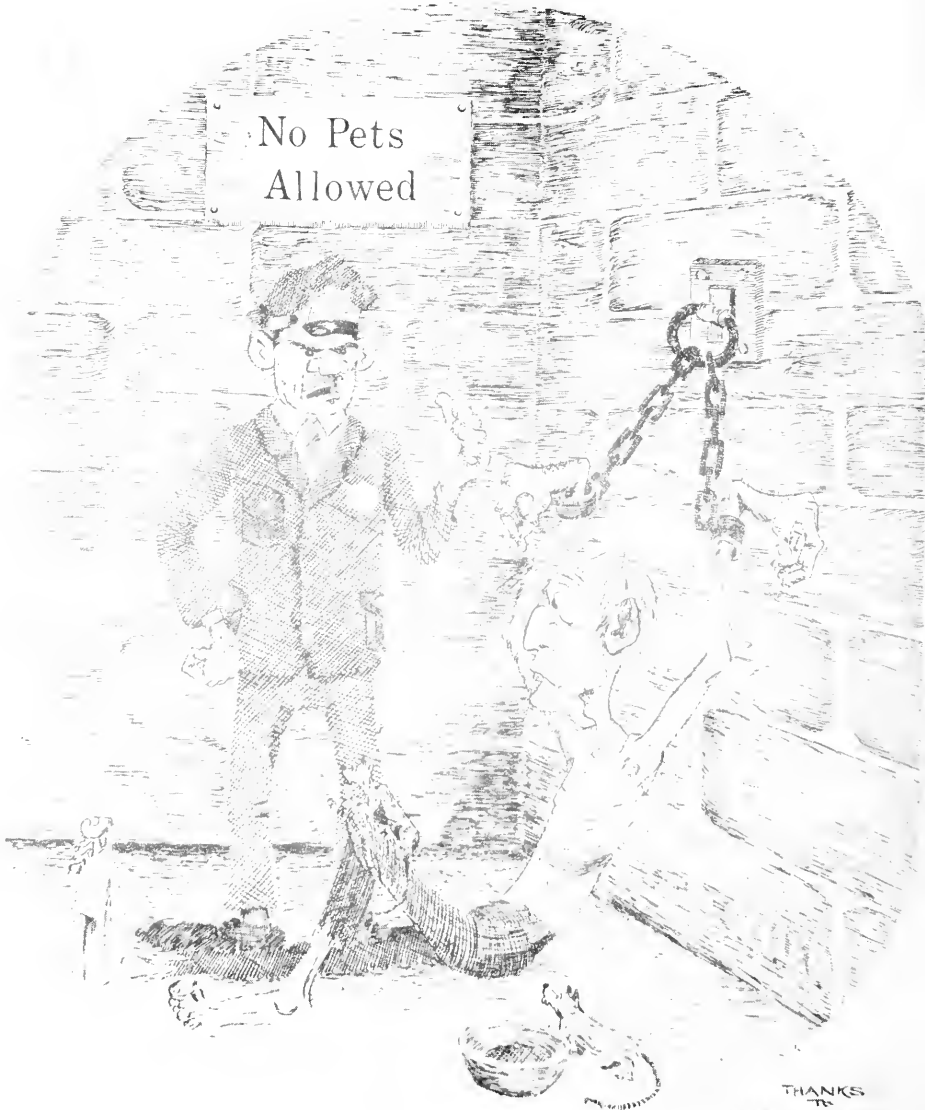


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High Number	22 080	Low Number	14 550
Population Inside	318	Rothe Hall	178
Women's Quarters	14	Ranches	14
Misc. Trusties	4	Total	528

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About the Cover

At the time this is to be printed, we have no idea what the cover is to be. In fact, we are not even sure we're going to have a cover.

the Editors Desk

Larry Dewey



Tourism is once again on the increase at the Montana State Prison. This raises several questions in my mind and some conflicting opinions among all who reside here.

There are those of us who don't mind having visitors and there are those who do mind. Because the summer months will be seeing more of these groups I would like to share a few views on this matter.

The Deer Lodge Valley is, of course, a natural tourist attraction; it is scenic and affords something for the man who likes either the plains or the mountains. Also, it is strategically located for those people who would like to visit both Glacier Park (north of us) and Yellowstone Park (southeast of us). The 1961 *ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA* also says that this valley is "home" to the greatest variety of birds in the world.

Those who are tired of "the same old vacation plans" can also change this by visiting the state prison in the town of Deer Lodge. Written notification must be made to secure a date on which visitors may tour the prison; these tours are made on business days only and anyone of high school age or older is welcome. At least twelve people should be in each tour group. And what do these people see?

Besides the curious feeling a man has when the front gate is locked behind him, curiosity is the number one

motivating force for some of these visits. "I want to see a convict" is the idea. It is this attitude that the men object to most. I agree with this sentiment; it agrees with the President's Crime Commission which interviewed 1,700 citizens and 91% of them admitted that at one time or another they had committed a crime for which, if they had been caught, they would have been sent to prison. 1,547 felonies out of 1,700 citizens!

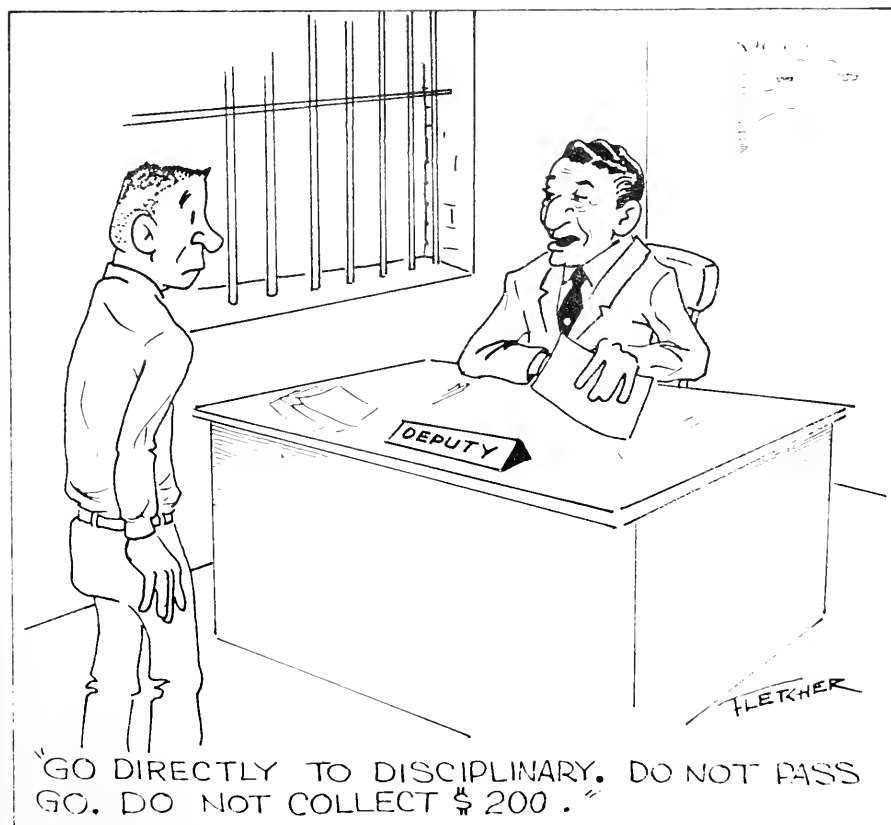
But there is also a positive reason for allowing tourists to visit the prison. In the nearly six years I have been here I have heard visitors exclaim, "Why, they're really human!" The revelation seems to have been quite a shock. I remember the boy who said of one man, "He looks just like my dad!" and the girl who was perturbed because of the youthfulness of another, "He could be my brother!" A first-hand knowledge changes a third-hand viewpoint.

I cannot see how any person can honestly say he knows what a prison has, or does not have, to offer an inmate unless he has seen it for himself. As with the visitors mentioned above, I am convinced that judges, lawyers, police personnel, and our state legislators and representatives would change some of their opinions of this place by first-hand contact with it.

I do not believe the guided tour is enough. It does not allow the inmate views to be adequately made known. If a man really wants to sit on the bench, I am of the opinion that a vital part of his training should be a required period of time in which he would serve time as an inmate. This period of time should be at least one month--I don't think a lesser amount of time enables the prospective judge to learn the opinions of the inmates; I feel that any visit of less than one week's duration would merely be a token effort and a waste of time. While here these judges would live, eat meals with, and in general identify themselves with the men incarcerated here and would gain a perspective of the true feelings and views of the men who will be their future work. This is, by no means, a novel idea. At least one judge already gave himself a self-imposed sentence to do this very thing--and he said he "learned more in one week than in all the years of my formal training for the bench." Of course, to do this successfully the convicts must not know his legal status; he would have to "serve time" incognito.

With the Bete Nore myth of the "hardened criminal" so rampantly indoctrinated into society by the press, radio, T.V., and a host of inflammatory, exaggerating magazines it is no wonder that there are so many misconceptions concerning crime and criminals. There are several things that must be done to dispel these misconceptions and it is because of this that I think that the tours can be helpful.

I don't believe that these tourists get a true picture of our lot (only living in the prison can give this), but the tours do give the visitors a better perspective than they have without them. As I've stated before, we of the inmate body are divided into various different viewpoints on this matter, so I'm not saying everyone will agree with my views. But on the basis of the things my own experience indicates I would say the visitors should be welcomed by us. The more people who are aware and concerned about our lot the better off we will be and the more improvements we can expect in our limited society.



I N M A T E S M E N U

Joliet - Stateville Branch & Diagnostic Depot

B R E A K F A S T	D I N N E R	S U P P E R
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Sunday - Mar. 12th, 1967		
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Dry Cereal	Fried Chicken	Vegetable Beef Soup
Milk & Sugar	Giblet Gravy	Sliced Lunch Meat
Butterine	Mashed Potatoes	Mustard
Peach Butter	Creamed Corn	Soda Crackers
	Salad	Graham Crackers
Monday - Mar. 13th, 1967		
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Stewed Fruit	Chili Con Carne	Grilled Lunch Meat
Creamed Farina	Sliced Lunch Meat	Mustard
Milk & Sugar	Mustard	Baked Beans
Butterine	Soda Crackers	W/Diced Jowls
Jelly	Apple Butter	Pickled Beets
		Corn Bread
		Butterine
		Fruit Jello
Tuesday - Mar. 14th, 1967		
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Stewed Fruit	Navy Bean Soup	Baked Lasagna
Rolls Cats	Sliced Cheese	W/Meat & Tomato Sauce
Milk & Sugar	Mustard	Green Beans
Cinnamon Rolls	Soda Crackers	Sheet Cake w/Icing
Butterine	Peach Butter	
Wednesday - Mar. 15th, 1967		
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Pancakes	Grilled Lunch Meat	Deep Fried Codfish
Syrup	Mustard	Tomato Sauce
Butterine	Boiled Potatoes	Buttered Potatoes
Stewed Fruit	Potted Sauerkraut	Buttered Peas & Carrots
	Cookies	Ice Cream
Thursday - Mar. 16th, 1967		
=====		
Stewed Fruit	Sliced Lunch Meat	Fried Chicken
Creamed Farina	Mustard	Giblet Gravy
Milk & Sugar	Potted Pinto Beans	Mashed Potatoes
Butterine	W/Diced Pork	Green Beans
	Peach Butter	Jelly
Friday - Mar. 17th, 1967		
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Scrambled Eggs	Vegetable Beef Soup	Baked Sliced Corn Beef
Stewed Fruit	Sliced Cheese	Mustard
Butterine	Mustard	Potted Sauerkraut
	Soda Crackers	Buttered Potatoes
	Graham Crackers	Sheet Cake w/Icing
Saturday - Mar. 18th, 1967		
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Stewed Fruit	Sliced Cheese	Grilled Bologna
Dry Cereal	Mustard	Mustard
Milk & Sugar	Black Eyed Peas	Potted Spaghetti
Butterine	W/Diced Ham	W/Meat & Tomatoe Sauce
Apple Butter	Sliced Onions	Pickled Beets
	Peach Butter	Brownie Squares
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FRANK J. PATE - WARDEN	HARRY E. DOWDEN - FOOD SUPERVISOR III	
C. G. JACKSON - FOOD SUPERVISOR II	E. KEISER - FOOD SUPERVISOR II	
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BREAD AND COFFEE OR TEA ARE SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL:
FRESH VEGETABLES ARE SERVED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE::

INSIDE KITCHEN

FROM APRIL 24, 1967

TO APRIL 30, 1967

CHEF DONALD G. BEST

STEWART

JACK MEACHER

BREAKFAST

DINNER

SUPPER

MON		
HOT CAKES WITH SYRUP FRIED BACON DRY CEREAL (WHEATIES) CLEC MILK COFFEE	SCUP SAUSAGE, RICE & TOMATO CASSEROLE MIXED VEGETABLES PLAIN JELLO CLEC BREAD COFFEE	BREADED PORK CHOPS OVEN BROWN POTATOES GRAVY BUTTERED CARROTS CUP CAKES CLEC BREAD COFFEE
TUES		
FRIED EGGS (2 EACH) HASH BROWN POTATOES COOKED CEREAL (FARINA) COOKED FRUIT TOAST JAM MILK COFFEE	SCUP BAKED MEAT LOAF WITH CATSUP BOILED POTATOES GRAVY BOILED PINTO BEANS VANILLA PUDDING WITH GRAPE NUTS CLEC BREAD COFFEE	ROAST BEEF HASHED POTATOES NATURAL GRAVY BUTTERED HOMINY ICE CREAM CLEC BREAD COFFEE
WED		
FRENCH TOAST WITH SYRUP DRY CEREAL (RICE KRISPIES) COOKED FRUIT CLEC MILK COFFEE	CHOC. MILK BUTTERED NOODLES CORN CUP SALAD FRUIT JELL CLEC HARD EGGS HOT TEA	BREADED CUBE STEAK CRUMB. FRIED POTATOES BUTTERED WAX BEANS BROWNIES CLEC BREAD COFFEE
THURS		
CREAMED BEEF ON TOAST HASH BROWN POTATOES COOKED CEREAL (CORNMEAL) COOKED FRUIT CLEC MILK COFFEE	VEGETABLE BEEF STEW STEAMED RICE HOT BISCUITS COCONUT CREAM PUDDING CLEC JAM COFFEE	SCUP MACARONI & MEAT CASSEROLE CORN & RAISIN SALAD BREAD PUDDING WITH SAUCE CLEC BREAD COFFEE
FRI		
SCRAMBLED EGGS HASH BROWN POTATOES DRY CEREAL (CHERRIES) TOAST JAM MILK COFFEE	GRILLED HAMBURGER PATTIES BOILED POTATOES GRAVY CATSUP BUTTERED SPINACH ICE CREAM CLEC BREAD COFFEE	HOT CAKES WITH SYRUP FRIED EGGS (2 EACH) HASH BROWN POTATOES GRILLED FRUIT CLEC COFFEE
SAT		
FRENCH TOAST WITH SYRUP COOKED CEREAL (FARINA) COOKED FRUIT CLEC MILK COFFEE	SCUP HAM, HOCKS & SCALLOPED POTATOES GLAZED CARROTS RICE PUDDING CLEC BREAD COFFEE	CHILI CON CARNE CRACKERS CHILI PEPPERS CAKE WITH ICING CLEC BREAD COFFEE
SUN		
COFFEE CAKE DRY CEREAL (SHREDDED WHEAT) COOKED FRUIT TOAST JAM MILK COFFEE	ROAST BEEF EGG FLAKE POTATOES NATURAL GRAVY BUTTERED ASPARAGUS HORSERADISH WHIPPED JELL CLEC BREAD COFFEE	SCUP LUNCHEON MEATS SLICED CHEESE MACARONI SALAD TOLK AND BEANS ICE CLEC COFFEE BREAD



The SHADOW has it on good authority that "BUBBLES" CARLSON's goal in life is to become a TEXAN...The truth is finally out--"BUGGSY" MARTIN is an ARKIE...The JAY BUTLER "SUCCESS STORY,"--Everyone knew but the ones that were supposed to--Do they serve cheese in Rawlins?... The SHADOW wonders: can you make cheese from whales' milk?--If not, what do ESKIMOES eat with their crackers? ...FRED "JELLYROLL" MARCHAND got a traffic ticket for an overload on the AA cake run, got unloaded at the weigh-station, returned to his point of departure, and is, as of this writing, on strike against the AA FAST FREIGHT CO--Too bad, so sad, your Dad...Is MIKE CONNORS the SHADOW?--Only the SHADOW and MIKE know...The SHADOW hears that so many sinks are out of commission in the Dorm that the boys down there fear destruction by flood ...Is DONALD "DUCK" TOMS the SHADOW?--Only the SHADOW and MIKE know...VERN "BULGY" BOE takes up a new instrument--the toothbrush..."FLASH" MORSETTE doing the best job ever in the Photo Lab....HERM "THE MUDDER" CARDINAL, LEGS HAYES, and "BOMBER" SHORT try a little spring house cleaning at Rothe Hall--and wind up in the big slammer.. .LARRY BROWN leaves via discharge...CECIL CHAPPELL goes into mourning...Is "PIZZA" BOB SPADONE the SHADOW?--Only the SHADOW AND MIKE know..."KARATE" KARL WAGNER sporting a sympathy bandage--claims old SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR WOUND is acting up..."FLANNEL-MOUTH" HUNT heard all the time and seen too often..."GRAVY TRAIN" HAWLEY--the venerable sage--rapidly loosing his grip...GEORGE HEISER also in mourning--F. LEE BAILEY LOST ANOTHER ONE...Where is LEROY's hair going?--Only the SHADOW and MIKE know.. .Is L.S.D. really the answer for Taxes?...The FROG is

thrown back into the pond with the rest of the fish-TSK, TSK, such whining and sniveling, CARL, while the rest of the boys in the Typing Class chortle...JOE ALLEN drafts "DOUBLE BACK" STROICH onto the weight lifting team--JOE says that he is going to take a rank beginner and make him into a rank physical wreck just to prove it can be done...BOBBY MOORE overheard saying that the weight lifting area is more like a Y.W.C.A. every day...Is LEN-ORD X for real?--Not even the SHADOW knows!...THE SHADOW HAS BEEN ASKED TO TELL THE WHISTLER ON GALLEY SEVEN THAT IF HE IS EVER FOUND OUT, IT'S ALL OVER!!!!...Is ANDY DIETRICH the SHADOW?--Not really, he just looks like it! ...Plans are underway to make BILL "PIERRE" McNAIR library runner, so he will have something to read...POOR LEE CLARK--CAN'T HE GET RID OF THAT NOISY HILLBILLY HE CELLS WITH???...The Band breaking into Baby Elephant Walk when BOBBY MOORE comes into the Theatre...Whatever happened to Baby Jane?--BABY JANE RONGSTAD that is!...AL "THE SCHOLAR" LUNDGREN has been observed attending School and is wondering if carrying an apple to the teacher would ensure his passing...That semi-red man, ORVILLE "ASHLAND" SPEELMAN fighting with that mad artist from the mess-hall, DENNY WETZEL... Speaking of WETZEL, how are you doing SHORTY MAITLAND???..Five years ago the CREEPER, alias THE SHADOW, saw WHIRLY-BIRD crying because Liston was going to knock out Patterson... The Women Prisoners began wearing uniforms instead of civvies... BILL ROSE, the photographer, with BUSTER MORRAN and CARL FROD-SHAM hamming it up for the lens.



"I WAS COUNTING THE MONEY INTO NEAT PILES WHEN SAM, WHO WAS STANDING BESIDE A FAN SAYS, BOY IS IT HOT IN HERE."

They use to kick sand in my face!



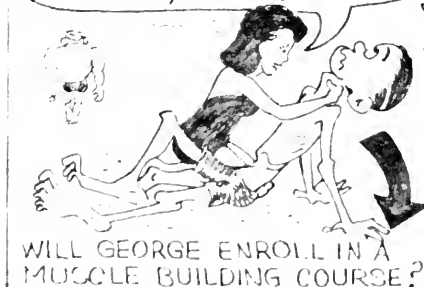
in fact, they used to kick my face in the sand!

**Then
I wised up**

I BEGAN CARRYING
A BYCYCLE CHAIN

2 I THINK WE BETTER SEE ABOUT A MUSCLE BUILDING COURSE, HONEY.

3 THAT WILL TEACH HIM TO LEAVE US ALONE HONEY!



2 WEEKS LATER



Before



After

YOURS TRULY,

Frank Conley

WARDEN

ACTUAL LETTERS FROM THE 1910 - 11 FILES OF MR. FRANK CONLEY, WARDEN OF THE MONTANA STATE PRISON, MAYOR OF DEER LODGE, MONTANA, CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR, REAL ESTATE AGENT, RANCHER, CONSERVATIONIST, ETC; ETC.

Mr. C. Ed. Lukens

Dec. 14, 1910

Cut Bank, Montana

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst will say that I will put John Johnson on the road whereby he can make ten days extra time per month; and if he runs off I will go over and get you and make you serve the rest of his time.

Yours truly,

Warden.

Mr. Jack London

Dec. 10, 1910

Glen Ellen, California

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst will say that I will deliver your books to Murphy as per your request.

Yours truly,

Warden.

Dec. 20, 1910

Sheriff Collins,

Great Falls, Montana

Dear Sir:-

Would like to know if there was an automobile stolen in Great Falls within the past two years. If so, and if it has not been recovered, please give me the number and description of the machine, as I think we have the fellow here who stole it. If this is so, think we can get the machine returned.

Yours truly,

Warden.

this
is
say



DAVE CRENSHAW

UN--fortunately, the unfortunate perfect are few. Generally the unfortunate ones are the imperfect. As a rule men come to prison on account of their imperfections, on account of their ig-

norance, on account of their vices, and their vices are born of their lack of capacity. In other words, they are failures by nature, and the fact that they need help is not of their own making but the fault of their construction and their surroundings.

Very few people have the opportunity of selecting their parents, and it is exceedingly difficult in the matter of grandparents. Consequently, I do not hold people responsible for hereditary tendencies, traits and vices. Neither do I praise them for having hereditary virtues. I do, however, praise knowledge. Knowledge consists in the perception of facts, their relations, conditions, modes and results of actions. Experience is the foundation of knowledge and unless you have been a traveler in the black, hopeless labyrinth of crime and punishment you can never know the urgency hinted at by the 14% rise in crime last year.

"Give Me That Old Time Religion" is one of the most pathetic songs ever written or sung by man. In the first place, when they sing it they can't possibly mean it, be-

cause "That Old Time Religion" is the very one that lit the Inquisitional fires at the feet of countless millions of men, women and children who were burned alive at the stake after being tortured beyond belief for the crime of heresy. (Editor's Note: According to LOOK, witchcraft is not yet dead!)

Anytime that anyone asks for "the old time" this or "the old time" that they are asking for regression, not progress.

"Crime and punishment" is another pathetic old song of which you can still hear an occasional refrain now and then. The conservatives chant, "bigger jails," "more jails," "bigger guns," and "more guns," and the voice of logic and reason is drowned out by hands clapping to the beat and stamping feet keeping time to the senseless music of hypnotized minds.

The trick is not to let ourselves be hypnotized by traditional solutions and present solutions, but to see the whole wide manifold of possibilities, to generalize the problem, to scan the whole field with all the possible dimensions and degrees of freedom, pick the best possibilities and don't be afraid to experiment.

Bigger and better law enforcement is no more related to the crime problem than more efficient ambulance drivers are to the cure of cancer.

As concerns the future, we have no right to bequeath chains and manacles to our heirs. We have no right to leave a legacy of mental degradation. Liberty is the birthright of all. Parents should not deprive their children of the great gifts of nature. We cannot all leave lands and gold to those we love; but we can leave liberty, and that is of more value than all the wealth of the world.

For us, the present, to deprive the future is an infamous crime and anyone guilty of harboring the present conservative, and oftentimes pseudo-intellectual, apathy towards the real causes of crime is guilty of murder in the first degree plus.

Society takes the law enforcement solution for granted. Things most taken for granted in the search for failure are most to be doubted. The dead have no right to enslave the living. To worship failure is to curse posterity. He who bows to the past insults the future; and allows, so to speak, the dead to rob the unborn. The coffin is good enough in its way, but the cradle is far

better. With the bones of the fathers they beat out the brains of the children.

Prison is like a safe to which there is a combination; but the combination is locked up in the safe. I feel that the crime/prison problem can only be answered by a long range program of educated investigation by new, young, freethinking minds that have the proper depth and perception.

Each failure in society is a mental farm and prisons are mental soil banks. The crop depends upon the quality, not especially the quantity, of the soil. The soil oftentimes can be improved, its bad qualities overcome, and a profitable crop harvested. If the ground is improved while it is lying fallow in the soil bank so much for the good, but if no crop is harvested from the improved soil more fallow time will only be a detriment to all concerned. This would come under the auspices of a mental agriculturist, not a policeman.

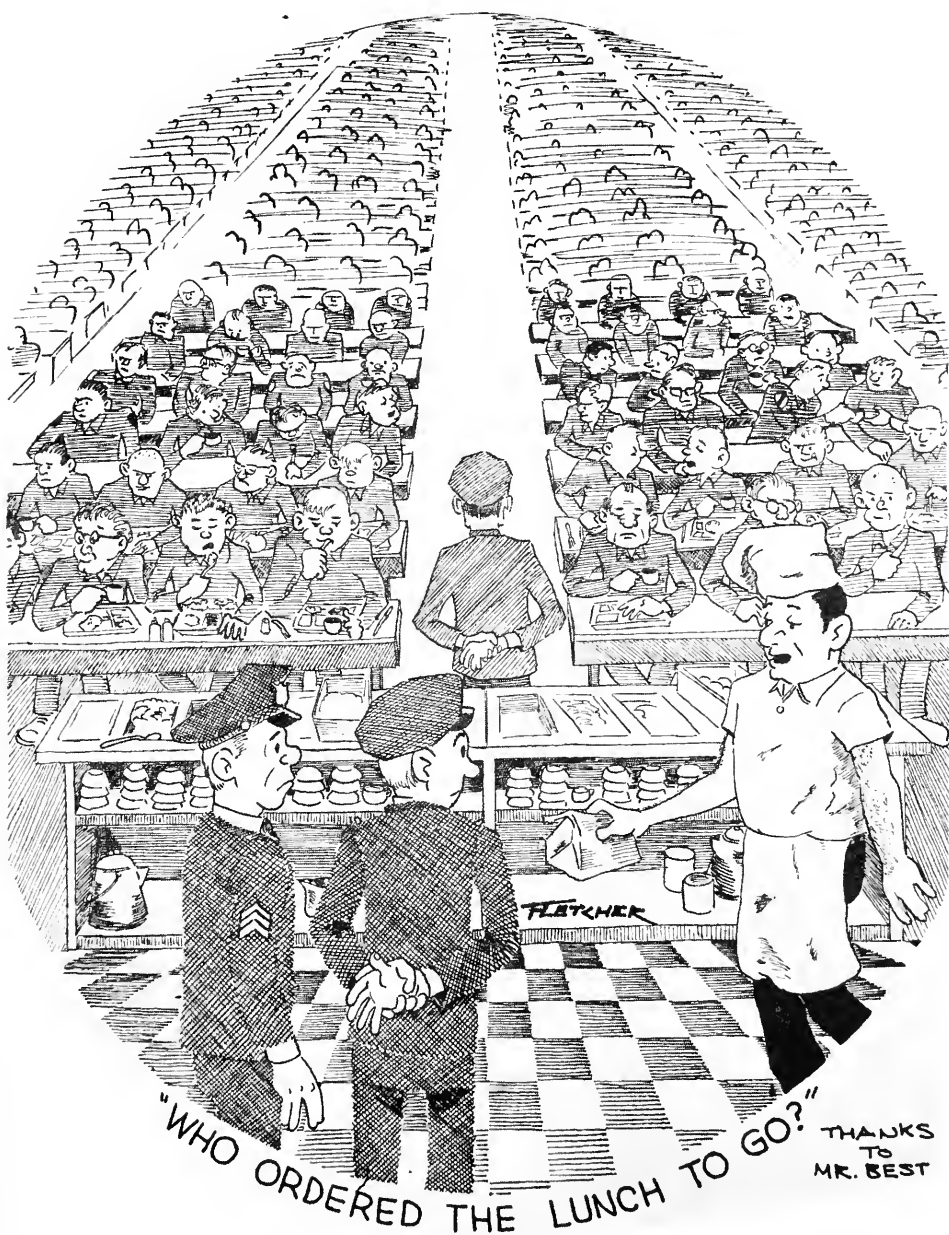
When society sentences a man or a woman to prison for any number of barren, unproductive years, that society is sitting in a sinking boat trying to bail it out with a sieve and the trespasser is caught in the anti-social vortex of cause and effect. About 50% who leave prison return.

The convict and recidivism are like the voice and the echo. To tell the exconvict not to hate; that he will feel better; is like telling Romeo, "Strangle Juliet; you'll be happier." "Nature abhors a vacuum." Take hate out of prison and it will leave the door open for reason.

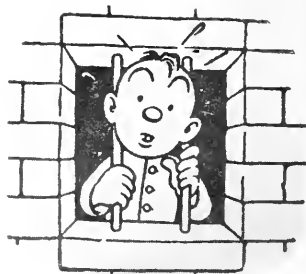
Law enforcement is an integral part of any successful society. Without law and its enforcement, humans would live in a more hideous jungle than any beast has ever known. First came man, then law, and then order. No one is denying law and order; they are basic concepts. But the problem here is one that needs a fresh concept. We are so high among the peaks of progress that we can no longer see the dark valley from which we ascended. The view needs the clear vision of youth; whose eyes are unclouded by tradition and pre-conceived dogmas. It needs the courage that comes with the lack of musty political ties and log rolling. The problem is a hot potato and only a pioneer can make his way through the thorny hedges of made-up minds and lackadaisical attitudes.

In the wolfskin of heredity we flee before the hounds of tradition and fall into the net of the hunter rather

than the hands of the healer. Our circumstance has robbed energy of its freedom and activity of its choice. It is not our own lives that we lead but the lives of the dead before us.



It's All In The Game



KICK THE CAN - Discharge from prison.

SHOW & TELL - State's Witness.

SKIP THE ROPE - On trial for Murder.

HOP SCOTCH - Judicial method of Determining a Sentence.

BLIND MAN'S BLUFF - A Pre-sentence investigation.

EENY, MEENY, MINEY, MOE - Court Appointed Attorney.

KINGS X - Out on Bail.

TAG, YOU'RE IT - "Guilty as charged."

OLY, OLY, OX IN FREE - "We find the defendent-NOT GUILTY."

HIDE & SEEK - The Pruno War.

BUTTON, BUTTON, WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON - Shakedown.

MUSICAL CHAIRS - Tavern Hopping while on Parole.

I SPY - Your "F(r)iends" while you are on Parole.

FREEZE TAG - Parole Violation.

PIN THE TAIL ON THE DONKEY - Fall Partner "Copping Out."

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Due to the recent outbreak of Hoof and Mouth disease in the prison livestock, the Prison Polo Match has been canceled. So far the outbreak has been minor with the loss of only three inmates.

the Ballad of K.W.



Written and Submitted by: *Karl Wagner*

K. W. was a seedy fellow
With eyes close set and beady;
He worked and worked with no reward
And was forever needy.

He cooked pancakes
And served the moldy bread;
He poured the luke-warm coffee
And it never swelled his head.

K. W. was our hero,
A man without peer among us;
He served our cause with selfless zeal
And was never heard to cuss.

This paragon of virtue,
Epitome of all things good,
Has, despite his obvious merit,
Always been misunderstood.

We have belted and reviled him--
In ignorance, it is true--
Without a care for all those things
He has done for me and you.

Yet we will not now forget him
When he goes out on the street;
We will see his smiling face
In every beef-heart that we eat.

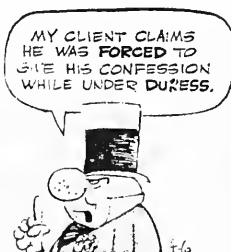
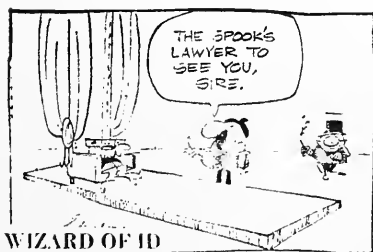


**"GUESS WHO'S OUT HERE SCREAMING
ABOUT HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS?"**

Fly Free Little Bird, Fly Free

John Indio Carlson

Treasured tracks of ceremonial expedition lie without
 Direction upon my forearm of favor
 Chartered cosmic trips into the acme of wonderland
 and awesome insanity
 Aware that contemplation of tomorrow's expectant
 Colorful rainbows,
 Or tolerant review of the coldness of yesterday's moons
 Is a chaotic quest for immorality
 And as my will has no resistance to the addiction of
 This moment of ecstatic madness
 A blissful blue madness where upon the sterling
 Naivety of my heart
 Rebels against the muddled stability of my mind,
 And I elate in the sole awareness of being.
 With free flight as my brotherly guide, and ecstasy
 My intimate companion
 I strangle my bruised limbs in search of a
 River in flow
 Finding one, my ritual tool gives birth to a
 Bubble of blood and stardust
 As kaleidoscopic rockets blast my deluded serenity
 I divorce myself from my frightened ego
 That is being challenged and shattered by the
 Awakening of my third eye
 Head bent in sublime blindness and in sacrificial
 Tribute to awareness
 I deny the rules of the game while I laugh
 With the endowment of tranquility.
 Fly free, little bird, Fly free!



Critic

Preston Davis



Ah...Progress! For the first time, inmates of M. S. P. have been allowed to attend one of our own variety shows, and...Nobody showed up! The Variety Show was attended by about 85...PEOPLE?! The posters advertising the show should have read, "For adults only." The kiddies who came with the adults distracted a lot of people who wanted to enjoy the show. Other than the kindergarten element problem the show was top notch. Maybe someday Montana will have an intermediate institution and the prison will not have to put up with the "Ding Dong School Dropouts."

I felt that the Orchestra needed a little more confidence in itself than it has. As soon as they realize that they are as good as they are, they will be better.

The audience was so repressed that they were afraid to applaud for the first few numbers and this didn't help the group get with the audience. In capsule, my review is:

The Pop Group, as is true with all the groups, has improved so much that it is beyond belief. They are semi-pro plus and improving by leaps and bounds. I would like to see them slug their numbers out a little harder. The Piano-Man needs no kudos; he's as good as they come. Ambidextrous Jerry Davis knows his business and proves it, especially in the "Saints" and the "Sunshine" num-

bers. And at last we have got a drummer that doesn't think that he is laying down an artillery barrage at Waterloo.

The Poor Man's Jack Benny!!...Well...He got the biggest hand of the show!

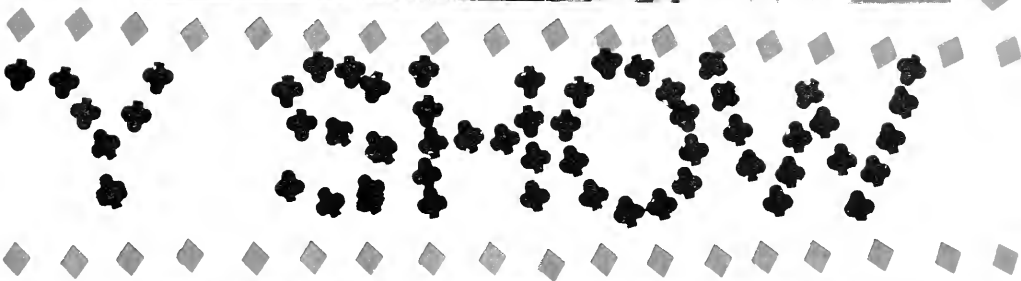
The Country-Western Group: Nothing I could say would add to their excellence. They are professional and no doubt about it. Their "Sunshine" number puts Roger the Dodger right in the back seat. The "Gunfighter" number could be a top ten-ner. Vern Boe was tops, as usual, only better. Move over, Buck Owens.

Rock and Roll needs work. I was unable to hear one word of their entire repetoire. They have a real good potential, especially with the voice and playing of Rocky Lawrence. His voice tone is very pleasant, but not too distinct. On the other hand, NONE of the Rock and Roll does anything for me.



The JUBILEERS ham it up for "Guys and Dolls."





News in Brief



PUBLIC PACKS PRISON PRESENTATION

MSP's flexible music department presented its first "VARIETY SHOW" of the 1967 season to a full house on April 15th.

From all reports the show enjoyed a "perfect launch," the only complaint being that the show wasn't long enough. (Nice Jamming Jack!)

Officer Operated On

Alex (Scottie) Cutthill, an officer at the Montana State Prison for the past 8 years underwent an operation at the Silverbow Memorial Hospital in Butte. His left leg was removed due to circulatory failure. It is not believed at this time that Mr. Cutthill will return to work at the prison.

Hashings on Half-House

In 1961 Father Charles "Dismas" Clark, "the Hoodlum Priest," opened the first Half-way House in the United States.

In 1963, an inmate of the Montana State Prison began publishing the need for a Half-way House in Montana.

In 1965, the Montana Methodist Annual Conference agreed to study and develop a Montana Half-way House program; their committee met at the Montana State Prison

in February, 1967.

In 1967 Father John Bauer, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities in Helena, announced the renovation of the old St. Mary's School to be used as a Half-way House in the near future.

In April, 1967, KDRG radio in Deer Lodge announced that \$190,000.00 is being earmarked by the Office of Economic Opportunity to study the feasibility of establishing a Half-way House for alcoholics in Missoula and for the Head Start Program there.

And the M. P. NEWS received a letter from Sister Providencia, professor of Sociology and English at the College of Great Falls, saying, "It is great news that Missoula is working actively for a Half-way House, and I am always pushing for one here in the Falls--anything to give the boys a new start."

We'll get one yet!



REVIEWS RATE RAVES

On April 18th the University of Montana Jubileers presented their terrific musical revue in the Ivy covered halls of ole M. S. F.

The group is directed by Dr. Joseph Mussulman and was sponsored at the prison by the Deer Lodge Kiwanis, under the auspices of the La Barge Jaycees.

The Jubileers are aptly billed as Montana's Finest Voices," and so they are! As a critic I would rather be negative in my

review; it's so much easier. But in this case I just can't be negative. They are too bright, too talented.

The show had the same quality that we find in an exceptional book or movie; the power to take us out of prison for a few precious moments and into the world of living again. It had all of the good qualities of a brief mid-summer rain; rain that clears the air.

I wish that we could adopt them! For that matter I wish that they would adopt ME!...Yeaaa.

I only heard one complaint and I agree that it was warranted. Said complaint concerning that vivacious little drummer. We all think that the good Doctor Mussulman should put that cute, talented, little drummer right out in front. And, for heaven's sake, try

to get her to smile, Doctor. We all wish the Jubileers the best of luck on their coming tour of the Far East. And, also from us: Thank you, troupers. You're great!

MAILROOM MUSES MESS

The mailroom complains that the processing of mail is being hindered because inmates are folding their letters more than once. A word to the wise.....

The mail room also desires that all extra writing privilege slips be ATTACHED to the germain letter; bearing in mind that you are not allowed to have paper clips, staples, etc. The point is, never mind how; just do it!

CURTAIN CALL

Mr. Charles Sewell, director of the prison theater, informed the MP NEWS that the theater is in dire need of Curtains and re-wiring.

Sounds like a good community development project for the Jaycees to me!

There must be some old theater in the country that has a set of curtains that are just collecting dust.

BUCK LIGHTFOOT LEAVES

Mr. Aubrey "Buck" Lightfoot, Craft Instructor of Welding has resigned his position. His resignation was for personal reasons. "Buck" is well liked and will be sincerely missed.

REGISTRATION LISTS AVAILABLE

Truck and passenger vehicle listings for each county are now on sale at \$2.50 per 1000 registrations. These listings show the make, title number, registered owner and address. Transfer supplements to them will be issued as available from the County Treasurers.

These books should prove to be invaluable as mailing lists, law enforcement reference materials, etc...

These books are compiled in numerical order, are well prepared and should prove to be invaluable to interested concerns. These books may be obtained from: Mr. E. C. Ellsworth, Jr., Registration Books, Box 7, Deer Lodge, Montana.

AS WE SEE TOURS

We're constantly amazed at these young things with their fancy hairdos and Skintight pants. And the girls are even worse.



There's really not too much to report on in Sports this month but the Basketball Tournament. Softball season hasn't started as of yet. There have been many make-up games being played, but officially the season will begin this month (May).

To get on with the results of the Basketball Tournament and playoffs:

The High Hoopers rounded out the Basketball Season in fine fashion, as they won the Institutional Championship, mainly on the hot shooting and one-two scoring punch of Sterling Wallace and "Wee" Willie Weinberger and the strong rebounding of Wallace and Tom Tanner. The High Hoopers came through the Tournament and play-offs with a clean slate of 6 wins and NO losses.

The action on the court also saw Sterling Wallace break the Institutional Scoring Record of 50 points, set by "Big" George Dyer in 1962. Wallace set the new record as he sizzled the nets with 25 field goals and 2 free throws for a single game record of 52 points. Wallace was also the leading scorer throughout the Tournament, scoring 235 pts. in 6 games for a 39.1 average.

It would be quite impossible to write up the results of each and every game that was played; so, in all fairness to all the teams, just the scores of all the games will be posted, along with the ten top scorers and a few other statistics and the result of the Championship Game.

FOLLOWING ARE THE GAMES AND THE FINAL SCORES:

DATE	WINNER		LOSER	
4--1-67	Tramps	70	Scavengers	49
4--1-67	Aristocrats	50	Celtics	37

4--2-67	High Hoopers	70	Court Jesters	69
4--2-67	Aristocrats	52	Scavengers	34
4--3-67	Celtics	56	Tramps	51
4--4-67	High Hoopers	104	Scavengers	24
4--6-67	High Hoopers	94	Aristocrats	64
4--7-67	Court Jesters	84	Celtics	79
4--8-67	Aristocrats	78	Tramps	68
4--9-67	High Hoopers	88	Tramps	57
4-12-67	Court Jesters	78	Tramps	58
4-13-67	Court Jesters	82	Aristocrats	78
4-14-67	High Hoopers	84	Celtics	48
4-16-67	High Hoopers	84	Court Jesters	75

(CHAMPIONSHIP GAME)

On the 16th of April, the high flying High Hoopers faced "Big" John Michel and the usually high scoring George Yelloweyes in the game that decided the Institutional Champs and, needless to say, the High Hoopers came away with the top spot.

The High Hoopers drew first blood in the opening minutes and were never headed from that point on. As the first half drew to a close the Hoopers were leading by a slim margin of only 6 points (39-33). In the second half the High Hoopers hit full stride as they built up a big margin and led by as many as 22 points at times. The usually high scoring Yelloweyes just couldn't seem to find the range and managed to tally only 18 pts. "Big" John Michel found the range for 22 pts. in the second half after scoring only 7 pts. in the first half, but his efforts were not enough to cope or offset the one-two scoring punch of Wallace and Weinberger. Wallace finished the game, taking scoring honors once again, with 40 counters; Weinberger had 23, followed by Tom Tanner with 10. The big point getter for the Jesters was "Gunner" Michel; he tallied 30 points, followed by Yelloweyes and Grant with 18 and 10 points. The high Hoopers won the game by a final score of 84-75.

The Top Ten Scorers for the Tournament and playoffs are as follows:

NAME	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS	POINTS PER GAME AVE.	PLD.
Wallace, Sterling	High Hoopers	235 pts.	39.1	6
Weinberger, Willie	High Hoopers	168 pts.	28.0	6
Michel, John	Court Jesters	156 pts.	32.0	5
Van Nuland, Jerry	Tramps	111 pts.	22.1	5

Matt, Danny	Tramps	111 pts.	22.1	5
Yelloweyes, George	Court Jesters	87 pts.	17.2	5
Maddox, Harvey	Aristocrats	87 pts.	17.2	5
Walks-On-Top, Bob	Aristocrats	79 pts.	15.4	5
Grant, Gene	Court Jesters	78 pts.	15.0	5
Schilling	Aristocrats	74 pts.	14.4	5

HIGHEST SCORING TEAM-----High Hoopers
Total Points 522 Pts. Per Game 87.0

LOWEST SCORING TEAM-----Scavengers
Total Points 107 Pts. Per Game 35.2

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER--Sterling Wallace, High Hoopers

I realize that it's a little late to be playing basketball, but we have to play when the weather permits as we are without the facilities of a gymnasium and all our games are played on an outside court.

Softball hasn't started as of yet, but we are looking forward to the start of the season--which is sometime this month (May)--so, maybe more on the softball in the next issue.

There will be a softball Invitational Tournament in the institution sometime in July.

During the recent Basketball Tournament, a 5 ft. 8 in. 42-yr-old man was seen shooting hook shots (and canning them) over the head of the former All-State High School Center, big, 6 ft. 6 in., 24-yr-old Jerry Van Nuland. The old man was heard making the comment that it was pure skill, that comes with experience.

Also, would you believe, Clifford "Cannibal" White Cow fouled out in 2½ minutes of the first quarter as the Aristocrats downed the Celtics 50-37!



Don't ask us what use it has or what it means. We just thought it looked pretty.

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SUMMER just around the corner

FAIR-WEATHER WEIGHT LIFTERS DESCEND ON CONCRETE BEACH

A sure-fire indicator of a coming change in season is an avalanche of iron activity at M. S. P.

We welcome the summer lifters to the M. S. P. beach. Remember--you can develop mental and physical health through exercise--if you exercise your mind as well as your body. Remember, too, that SAFETY is a vital factor--when you spot a weight, pay attention to it; don't wander off!

The year-around pros are making steady progress. Mighty Joe Allen is shooting for a National 165 pounder bench press record; he's only 20 pounds away from 370. He's got the Missouri Valley Records in his pocket now.

Willie Wine and Don Spadt are unbeatable in their respective classes, but a little lazy.

Did anybody catch those poundages lifted by the Rocky Mountain College team and North Dakota iron men at the North Dakota Open? No wonder they don't want to face an M. S. P. team!

Does weight lifting hurt boxers? Or any athlete, for that matter? Should they lift "light" for maximum benefit? Will heavy lifting slug up their reflexes? Let's hear from you guys on the subject.

We hear Dee Clark and his motley crew are planning on working out this summer--if they can find some paper weights. Har-de-de-har-har-har-! Just kidding, Dee. We'd be glad to have you--should be a ton of laughs.

Let's take care of the weights; they are the only ones we have. Don't throw them around. Believe it or not, they will break! Cool it.

--Remo

Musical Hi-Lites



Jim Spurlock

Just a couple of lines to fill you all in on the happenings over in the band corner this past month.

First and foremost is the Variety Show put on for the public the sixteenth of April. We were all hoping and working real hard on putting on one of the best shows we've done. As it turned out, everything went better than any of us dared to hope it would. There were 371 in attendance, not counting the personnel from the prison. This is a record attendance for any show put on in the past, and from the warm round of applause at the end of the program we know that everyone went home satisfied. There were two complaints heard from the attending people. #1 The program wasn't long enough (one hour and thirty-seven minutes). And #2 the seats were too hard. All in all, I personally think it was the best show put on and am sure that every member of the band is proud and satisfied with the results. This is a good example of just what can be done in the band when we have a Director that is interested and knows music, and not only wants music--but good music.

Coming events are: #1, participating in the College Rodeo Parade downtown the twentieth of May. The Western Band will be playing for this and are going out to get the first place trophy in the musical division. #2, we'll be going on two or three trips in the near future to play for various dances and meetings. At this time, the time and place of these trips is not known.

New equipment in the band has really been coming in lately. We've received the new Voice of Music four track stereo tape recorder, five new microphones--all of

real good quality, all new drum heads (Mike was so touched he cried when he got these!!!). If any of you have been looking around you'll also notice that not only have we been getting new equipment, but we have also gotten a lot of repairs done around the Theatre. Some of these have been the putting in of the iron stairway instead of the old, "wobbly" wooden ones; the front of the stage has been repaired and painted. And we've got some new side curtains for the stage. Now for the tile on the stage floor, the top floors fixed, and the new switch box. Actually, most of us don't mind this old switch box, but the swamper keeps saying something about getting knocked down the stairs!?!?!?!

That's about all for this month, fellows.

TURN TO KNITTING

Prison Casino Out Of Action

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — The "Bull Pen," one of the most unusual casinos anywhere, has been bulldozed.

Warden Carl Hocker had the gambling hall — a room off the maximum security yard at the state prison — demolished last week. He said it was a bad influence on inmates.

"It was just like raising a window shade in a dark room," related Hocker, a prison captain at San Quentin in California before taking command of the Nevada Penitentiary less than three months ago.

"The dismal fact is you had women on relief sending money to their husbands to gamble."

Hocker is promoting handicrafts, bridge, chess, athletics, plain hard work and knitting to

take up the slack.

Knitting? "It's common in many prisons," Hocker explained. "I wouldn't want to look some of these boys in the face and call them sissies."

Games in the Bul Pen, run by the inmates, ranged from poker to blackjack to craps.

The craps-to-crocheting switch apparently encountered little resistance.

"They were prepared for it," Hocker said while admitting a hard-core group of inmates resented the change. He notified the prisoners upon his appointment that he would abolish the casino.

Each inmate who held gambling chips was credited on his prison money account for their value.

Spring Cleaning

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According to a nation-wide survey undertaken with a C.I.A. grant the three main causes of crime are: Men, Women and Children...Prison is good enough for the malefactor.--So is straw good enough for the Cow if you don't mind her giving water!..."A fool and his money are soon parted." He goes to prison and his money goes to Las Vegas with his lawyer!...Prison is a lot like Fagin; it just sits here waiting, watching the road, knowing that his little proteges will soon come weaving home with their dirty little burdens stuffed in their rags. And they come, hating it and wondering why until it no longer makes any difference why. The citizen too wonders why. Some wonder why to the point they decide to go on one of the tours that go through the prison now and then. The inmates aren't storming the walls, so all must be well. So what is Fagin to one man is Svengali to another. Both are a form of hypnotism. Some are hypnotized to be and some are hypnotized to see, or not to see, as the case may be...He who is without Gin gets stoned last...HMMMM!... I wonder when they are going to wise up and segregate the young offenders from the old prison range riders? - "The Lion shall lie down with the Lamb and they shall be led by a child."...If you are not familiar with these five names you have "serenity": Cassius Clay, Senator Dodd, Candy Mosler, her lawyer, Adam Clayton Powell..."Eight Points of the Law: A good cause, a good purse, an honest and skillful attorney, good evidence, able counsel, an honest judge, an intel-

ligent jury, good luck"... If you can't change the situation you can always change the statistics!... A zealous convict died of late and did arrive at heaven's gate. He walked right in, he did not knock; he didn't have to, he picked the lock!... Conservative reformers are a mixture of fools and angels. They rush in and fear to tread at the same time... When you are being hated you are not being ignored... Thoughts make thin soup--it's the GIFTS that count... Nothing is so good that a good stiff drink won't make it better... "This land of opportunity where every man is the equal of every other man before the law if he isn't careful..." As concerns the necessary evils and prison--if it's an evil to a man it's not necessary, and if it's necessary it's an evil.. Prisons do not encourage "rehabilitation" anymore than tombstones encourage living... Miracles are laughed at by a public that reads the MP NEWS and votes Republican ... A rich transient is called a tourist, a poor one is called a hobo... The answer to prisons has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried... The law should be stable but it should not stand still... And lastly, remember that a vacuum abhors nature--Err something like that!!!



M. P. NEWS "EXECUTIVE" EDITOR DELIGHTED
OVER NEW, CONTINUOUS FEED TYPEWRITER.

the Verdict Is...



KARL WAGNER

The west bound train was late in reaching the crossing at Elmsdale due to the rain falling in the area. As the big diesel locomotive hit the junction, a woman's body came out of the darkness and was ground under the wheels.

The engineer brought the train to a stop, but not before a half dozen freight cars passed over her body. The police were quick to respond to the urgent call.

Detective Lieutenant John Engels questioned the engineer and fireman. "You're positive that you saw a man in the beam of the head-light and that he threw the woman onto the tracks?"

"I'm positive, Lieutenant," replied the engineer, "just as positive as I'm standing on this spot and that it's raining."

After intensive and efficient detective leg-work around the neighborhood, it was learned that the woman was one Leila Turner of Elmsdale, and that she was an attractive redhead married to Robert B. Turner, a well-to-do Construction Engineer. It was further ascertained that Robert and Leila Turner had been arguing on the night of her sudden death under the wheels of the Bedford, Ohio and Indiana railroad locomotive number 107, enroute to Gary, Indiana, with a load of pig-iron.

Robert Turner was summarily arrested and placed upon bail awaiting trial upon charges of first degree murder filed by the State's Attorney, Eugene Bassett.

Forty-five days after the murder, Robert Turner was present in the courtroom of Judge Neal Stromberger, noted jurist and a tyrant to evil doers. Eugene Bassett arose upon the opening of the court by the bailiff and began the tedious chore of empanelling the jury to try the case. The Defense Attorney was none other than Joseph J. Magee, the greatest criminal lawyer in the annals of

justice.

Upon empanelling the jury to the satisfaction of the prosecution as well as the defense, Mister Bassett gave his very short, but to the point, opening statement to the court.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, it is my unfortunate but necessary duty to lay before you the facts of this case, upon which may very well hang the very life of this defendant, Robert Turner.

"For your decision will be the ultimate decision of this court, and I ask you to show neither sympathy nor hatred, nor pity or remorse, for justice cries out to you to show complete and detached impartiality.

"Robert Turner has done no worse than many other men faced with a shrewish wife who made his life miserable. Still, he had no right to murder, and he did, on the night of June 23rd, 1966, murder his wife, and I will present both evidence and witnesses to the fact of this murder in the natural course of this trial. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your undivided attention."

With a smile to the jury, Mister Joseph J. Magee rose to his full height. "Your Honor," he said, bowing slightly to the Judge as he spoke, "and ladies and gentlemen of the Jury," and he bowed again in the direction of the jury. "Circumstances are sometimes fickle and show things in the light of reason when no reason exists. I am here today with one thought uppermost in my mind, and that thought is to bring justice regardless of all else, to throw Robert Turner to the lions if that should be necessary after the facts and circumstances are shown to be such that I find it propitious to my code of ethics and the American Bar Association's.

"If I thought him to be guilty I would not defend his case before this court. Rather, I believe Robert Turner is an innocent man who is being railroaded by circumstances beyond his control, and by a diligent press which is publishing what they claim to be facts, but unfortunately are not substantiated by proof..."

The trial ran on a note of sensationalism for over a week, and then came the day of judgement.

Eugene Bassett produced many witnesses to the fact that the Turners were heard arguing on the night in question. He made the defendant admit that life with Leila Turner was anything other than one of tranquility and bliss...

Joseph J. Magee had waged an excellent defense for the life of Robert Turner, showing conclusively by testimony that on the night in question after arguing with his wife he had indeed gone to a movie, entitled "They Wouldn't Believe Me," and was seen and recognized by the usher of the theatre, one Jerome Pitts, and by the manager of the "STRAND," who knew him personally.

The jury filed out with the instructions of the court ringing in their ears. Hours went by, and the jury was taken to a nearby cafeteria for lunch and then marched back to their deliberations in the interests of justice, to the delight of the reporters who attempted to get some idea of the outcome of this sensational murder trial.

At 5:15 P. M., the jury, after nine hours of deliberation, filed into the courtroom to give their decision. The bailiff received the verdict from the foreman of the jury, and in turn gave it to the court clerk, who looked at it briefly and handed it to the Judge.

The stern face of the Judge was unreadable as he read the verdict. "Is this your decision, Mister Foreman of the Jury?"

"It is, your Honor," replied that worthy loudly.

"Very well," the Judge intoned as he glanced at the visage of the defendant seated in front of him. "The defendant will rise for the verdict."

With unsteady legs Robert Turner rose from his seat and looked the Judge squarely in the eye.

A solemn faced jury looked at Robert Turner without smiles as he looked at them questioningly, wonderingly...

Without hesitation he turned and ran across the courtroom; grabbing up a chair, he hurled it through the window. A courtroom Deputy Sheriff jerked his revolver from its holster and the shot rang through the courtroom reverberating from the walls. Robert Turner, who had climbed to the window sill, silently and in a sort of slow motion fell back inside to the floor and then lay still in death...

Judge Neal Stromberger pounded his gavel loudly to a quiet courtroom, "Mister Bailiff, you will read the verdict to the court at large."

"Yessir," answered the bailiff, "The verdict of the people is that Robert Turner, defendant in the case of the State versus Robert Turner, number 7903, is..... NOT GUILTY."

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OUTSTANDING JAYCEES FOR MARCH

by David Crenshaw

At the first meeting in April the La Barge Jaycees again elected two men to fill titles of Jaycee of the Month and Chairman of the Month. The two men elected have these titles for March.

For Jaycee of the Month Mr. Timothy Dreeszen was elected by a majority vote over Gene Grant. Mr. Dreeszen was elected on the grounds of his never ending efforts on behalf of trying to have bleachers placed at the ball diamond. He finally got the "go-ahead"; so, good luck, Tim.

For Outstanding Chairman of the Month, Mr. Tracy Morrow was elected by a landslide. He has spent all month in trying to get the Montana State University in Missoula to bring the

JUBILEERS to M. S. P. for the entire population to see. The results are evident elsewhere in the M. P. NEWS.

It takes men like these to build Jaycees on the inside or outside, and it takes work to receive titles such as these. My best wishes go to these two men and the congratulations of the La Barge Jaycees go to them also.

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JAYCEEINGLY YOURS

by William J. McClure

Editor's Note: Bill wrote the following just prior to leaving M. S. P. via discharge on April 7th.

The Jaycees in my opinion are the best possible organization a young man could get interested in. If you are 21-35 and want to get ahead in life, the future, you will undoubtedly

get more out of the Jaycees than any other young man's organization in the country.

Being Past-Parliamentarian, Past-Director and Past Vice President, I have gained more these past two years than any other time in my life.

I plan on staying in the Jaycees until I am 35 years old. I have to start somewhere and I believe the Jaycees can help me in getting started on the right foot. I have spent the last ten or so years in prison, and didn't have a thing going for me. Then I joined the Jaycees, and now I have a new outlook on life. Before joining the Jaycees there was nothing but bitterness and hate. I have learned how to get along with people and better speech and manners.

Jaycees in Prison can and will help a man if he wants to help himself. I never thought I would find a group of individuals that would try to help a bunch of ex-cons, but I was wrong. The Jaycees have done a lot for the boys here, and will help them in the future--as long as you want to help yourselves.

So, come on boys, get on the band wagon and join. There is a great future ahead for you.

The La Barge Jaycees

would like to extend their best wishes to Bill at this time and hope he, too, has a greater and more meaningful future!

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PAST PRESIDENT PAROLES

Past President of the La Barge Jaycees, band runner, musician, projector operator, and Distinguished Service Award winner--all of these titles were well earned by Jim Spurlock, who was granted parole by the Board of Pardons and Paroles in April.

Often we speak of what Jaycees can do for young men; here is an example of what a young man can do for Jaycees. Jim's accomplishments include the above, and more! And every accomplishment somehow reflected credit to our club.

Jim is an accomplished boxer and sportsman and has participated in the many matches and events held here. He has been in the Prison Band for over three and a half years, entertaining the men here and the unfortunates in Galen, Boulder, Twin Bridges, Warm Springs, and Fort Harrison.

Jim is well liked by all who know him, so it will come as no surprise that we all, whether in the La Barge Jaycees or not, bid him the best as he returns to that larger, freer community.

MOUNT POWELL GAVEL CLUB



COMMUNICATION by Larry Dewey

People tend to have trouble with big words and the above is no exception. Frankly, it's just as well as it gives me something to "talk about."

"Talking about" is the simplest form of communication; it is the simplest means of "transmitting," "transferring," or simpler yet, "sharing" ideas. But is "sharing" ideas all there is to communication? Obviously not!

In the twentieth century we have developed many new forms of communication such as the telegraph, the telephone, the radio, and sonar --all of these based on sound. Then using another of our oldest means of com-

munication--sight, we have gone on to printing (books and papers), teletype, radar, movies, and television.

But all of these are actually merely the means of communication. Back of them all still lie the basic senses of sound and sight.

Communication is what Toastmasters is all about. The art of expressing one's self orally and dramatically is our primary function as a group. Delivery of speeches, gestures, and competitive practice all help in making adept communicators.

But delivery is not enough; true communication demands much more than someone rattling off a speech. The art of communication is the art of get-

ting the message across without it being misunderstood. There are many people who are profuse speakers, but this doesn't mean they are truly proficient; they speak rapidly but cannot get their idea across without it being misunderstood. The accomplished speaker may speak fast or slow, and probably uses both speeds--for vocal variety, but he gets his idea across in no uncertain terms.

To become a proficient speaker is to study, to practice, and to continually advance at one primary goal--to get the message across to the other guy--and that is communication!

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MOTOR MOUTH

by John R. Michel

Does belonging to Toastmasters mean you're a "Motor Mouth?" Yes and No.

First of all, what is a "Motor Mouth?" Inside the walls here, I'm sure it's meant to be derogatory, but the same people who use this phrase the most are those who like to be credited with oral proficiency. They like to "rap" so to speak, but when given a chance to get up in front of a group and express themselves they freeze.

Now we're getting to the crux of the whole matter,

because we are not looking for those who are orally profuse, but rather those who have a mental block when it comes to getting up before a group and speaking. Call me a "Motor Mouth" if you like, but I'm improving myself.

Sure, we have a few in our club now who can be called good talkers; this is all the more reason why a person with a speaking problem should come to our club as a guest--so that he might learn. And, I assure you, it's even a challenge to those of you who might consider yourselves good talkers, because no matter how good you are there's always room for improvement; and yet, those people who need it the most are the ones who say "What, me join Toastmasters! There aint nuttin' it could learn me." Famous words!

In Toastmasters we have several programs available to those who want to improve themselves. You are not obligated to give a Main Speech until you have given what we call an "Ice Breaker," which means you talk on what you are interested in to introduce yourself and to help you get rid of your stage fright.

The best way to "Improve" is to come on and try the program out; maybe some one will call you a "Motor Mouth!"



BROTHERHOOD

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CORRECTION, IT'S BROTHERHOOD

Over the past few months our Newsletter has been carrying the programs that our visitors have presented. These have been good, up-building our members in the faith of Jesus Christ. But they have also presented some questions that should be answered, and some errors that should be corrected.

The Brotherhood is NOT a worship service! Here in the Montana State Prison, Christian worship is conducted in both Roman Catholic and Protestant services;

but the Brotherhood is NOT this.

Nor is the Brotherhood a Bible-study class. There are Bible-study sessions held at the Seventh-Day Adventist sponsored Saturday morning Sabbath School, which is not related to the Brotherhood, and the Sunday evening Evangelical worship services. It is true that the Bible is the textbook the Brotherhood uses--but this is still NOT a Bible-study class.

Nor is the Brotherhood organized religion--it has no liturgy, no sacraments, and no mandatory require-

ments such as are found in organized religion. Promotion of a particular denomination or organization, in fact, is expressly forbidden by our By-Laws.

What then is the Brotherhood? In an article explaining "WHY BROTHERHOOD?" in the back of our By-Laws is the statement: "The Brotherhood is a fellowship club for inmates of the Montana State Prison who are Christians or favorable to Christianity regardless of denominational affiliations. You are invited to be a part of this fellowship."

While the fellowship is not organized religion, it has a definite message to carry. "Our message is simple: All men need salvation and all men can be saved--from sin, frustration, and fear--to lives that are moral, upright, and empowered in right relationship with God and other men. Moreover, every man can know he is a Christian: 'The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God' (Romans 8:16)."

But this is based, not on religion as such, but on a Person. "We who believe in these things share our beliefs and witness with each other in the Brotherhood. We have found that it is possible to have altogether

new lives and new outlooks by being followers of Jesus Christ. He gives us new goals. No weakling could challenge us like he does. The life he offers is not always easy or popular, but in the Brotherhood we have found it to be rewarding."

The Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Sponsor) is charged with the responsibility of planning meeting agendas, conducting the fellowship's meetings, and "shall see that a def' e expression of the Christian witness in social concerns and in personal evangelism is carried on as part of the total work of the Brotherhood as provided for within the By-Laws." This witness in social concerns and personal evangelism must NOT be denominational. Our Statement of Principles forbids proselytizing from one denomination to another and stresses the "new birth" through "the unmerited favor of God," the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and "that these believers may be 'perfected in love' by the Holy Spirit through holy living." Ours then is Christian fellowship and growth. This is NOT nominal Christianity; it means taking a definite stand. We invite you to take your stand for Christ and to fellowship with us!



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